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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, IN

SUBJ: SIKH SEPARATIST MOVEMENT

1. DEPT HAS LEARNED DR. JAGIT SINGH CHAUHAN, FORMER PUNJAB FINANCE MINISTER AND AKALI DAL SECRETARY BELIEVED NORMALLY RESIDENT IN LONDON, HAS AT HIS INITIATIVE CALLED ON NUMBER WORKING LEVEL OFFICIALS AROUND WASHINGTON AND SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS STAFF IN RECENT WEEKS. IN CALLS, SINGH HAS MADE PITCH FOR SIKH INDEPENDENCE, TALKED OF SOVIET AND CPI INFLUENCE IN INDIA, AND IMPLIED HIS MOVEMENT HAD IRANIAN SUPPORT AND HAD SUBSTANTIAL BACKING WITHIN INDIAN ARMY.

2. INDIAN EMBASSY HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT GOI HAS REVOKED SINGH'S PASSPORT AND MADE LOW KEY INQUIRY WHETHER IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR US TO DEPORT HIM. WE EXPLAINED
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THAT THIS WAS DIFFICULT AS LONG AS HE WAS NOT VIOLATING

ANY LAW.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY DELHI'S ASSESSMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE OF MOVEMENT AND ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION YOU MAY HAVE ON SINGH. ONLY INFO IN OUR FILES INDICATES IN NOV. 71 SINGH MADE BROADCAST IN KARACHI AND ALSO VISITED NEW YORK. RUSH

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